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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NOBUAKI OGUSHI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/988,573

Filed: November 20, 2001

For: REMOTE MAINTENANCE SYSTEM )

Examiner: C. Rapp

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REQUEST FOR INITIALED FORMS PTO-1449 AND  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Information Disclosure Statements were filed in the present application on November 20, 2001, December 14, 2001 and April 3, 2002. As detailed in the Communication dated April 14, 2003, documents intended for present application and simultaneously filed Application No. 09/988,572 (the '572 application) were inadvertently cross-filed, and both applications have since been properly reconstructed. In this regard, Applicants presume that the initialed Forms PTO-1449 for the previously-submitted three Information Disclosure Statements were incorrectly transferred to the '572 application. The Examiner should indicate in the next Office Action if this is not the case.

As such, Applicants hereby request that the Examiner initial and return to Applicants' undersigned attorney the previously-submitted Forms PTO-1449 for the Information Disclosure Statements dated November 20, 2001, December 14, 2001 and

April 3, 2002. Duplicate copies of the Forms PTO-1449 for all three Information Disclosure statements are enclosed

Furthermore, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of References (1) to (3) are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. 5,458,732
- (2) U.S. 5,710,700     *Sept 24 2003*
- (3) U.S. 5,691,895

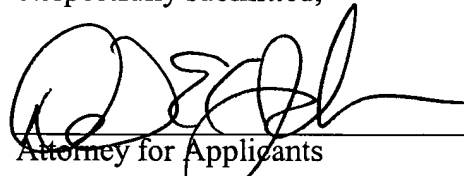
(4) Gaines, et al., "Mediator: An Intelligent Information System Supporting the Virtual Manufacturing Enterprise," Knowledge Science Institute and Division of Manufacturing Engineering University of Calgary; 0-7803-2559 IEEE, pgs. 964-969, Jan. 1995.

Reference (4) was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated April 3, 2002, and a copy of the article has already been provided, however due to a typographical error the pages were cited incorrectly. The enclosed Form PTO-1449 cites the correct pages for Reference (4).

This application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a notice of allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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